GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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LAYING OF CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the private operators dig up roads for laying cables but do not restore the places; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure that the private operators restore the places after laying down cables?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments are free to formulate their own guidelines and policies for granting Right of Way permissions to the various utility agencies including licensed telecom service providers. Model Guidelines on the subject have already been provided to all State Governments for their reference. These Guidelines include provision for restoration of the placed after laying down cables.